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'YOUTH LEADER' ROBS COUNCIL

A youth who said he was helping to run a youth club for the Altona Council was one of three who broke into the Altona East City library and stole $26.

In the Williamstown Court last Thursday, Mr. G. Hoare, SM, convicted him of theft and sentenced him to seven days' gaol, concurrent with a term he is at present serving for driving while disqualified.

The other youths, of *about 15 or 16 will appear* before a Children's Court.

The leader, John Alikakos, 20, of Hansen Street, North Altona, admitted convictions for car stealing, shop and *factory breakings* and other offences.

Mr. Hoare said it was disturbing that he was in a role of youth leader.

"He kicks the council in the face and leads other lads astray, too," he said.

Mr. Robert Davis, for Alikakos, said he had a mentality of a 16 - year - old.

He'd got into most of his trouble when he was out of work.

Mr. Hoare set the sentence so that Alikakos can get a job arranged by his brother.

Mr. Hoare said the case saddened him. He wondered what would happen to him for the rest of his life.

"He is of Greek extraction and it is most unusual for these people to get into trouble of this sort," he said.

The stolen money was *taken from a room at the* Altona East library. The youth club uses a room adjoining it in the same building.

Mrs. Ellice Handful, a member of the library staff, said Alikakos came to her at the library on February 26 and said: "If the kids replace what they took will it be all right?"

Later he returned some library keys.

Senior Detective Laurie Pitts, of Laverton CIB, told the court that Alikakos admitted, when questioned, that he took part in the theft but later denied it in a recorded interview.

Detective - Sergeant Bob Richards prosecuted.

Kororoit Ck. Rd. construction stops

The Country Roads Board has told Altona Council it cannot provide more money this financial year to continue the duplication of Kororoit Creek Road.

But the board said it would consider a new application for funds in the 1975-76 financial year.

Cr. R. Richards said council needed the money to finish the reconstruction job.

"Kororoit Creek Road is probably one of the most important roads in the municipality."

Cr. W. Sommers said council should make it an order of the day in three months time.

"We've gone so far, then we're cut off by the CRB."

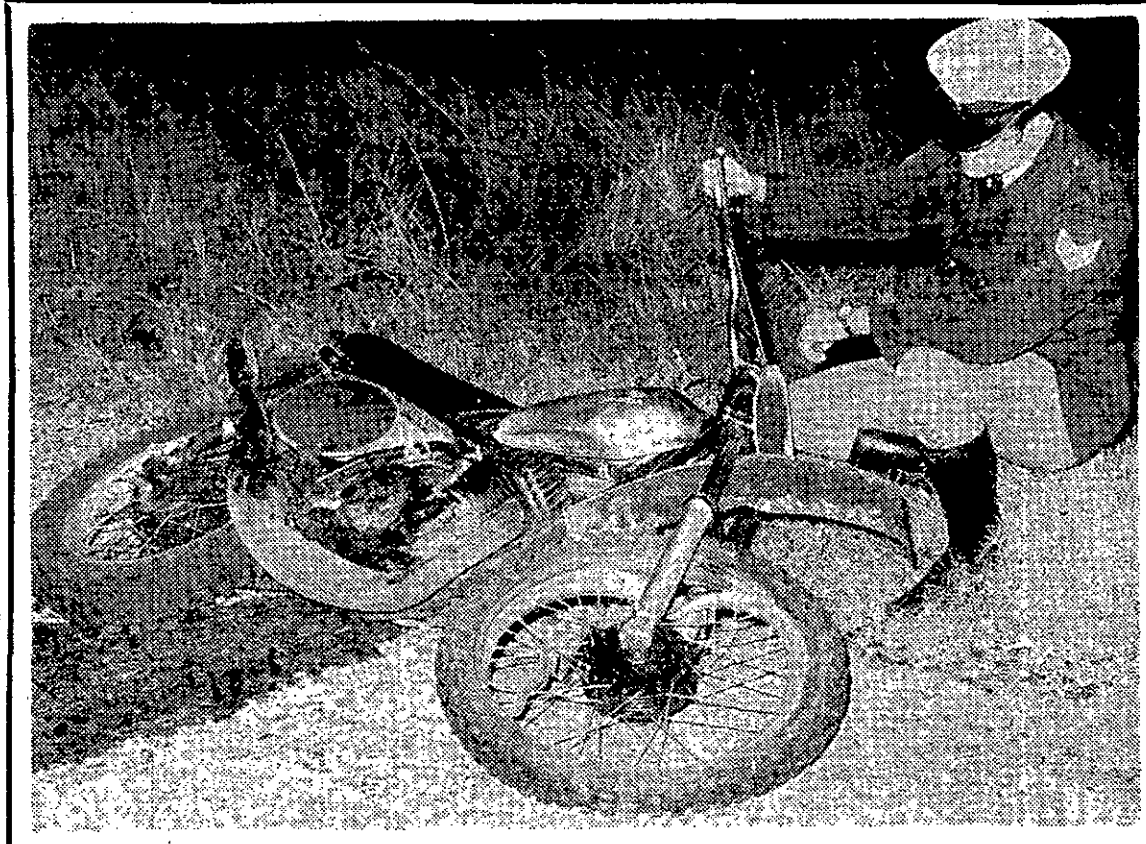
Cr. Sommers suggested Altona should try to get *help from the Road Safety and Traffic Authority or* other relevant bodies.

"We should also bring in the local Members of Parliament and see if we can stir up something."

The city engineer, Mr. R. Simmons, said the CRB had asked him for a traffic count and other information in order to assess a *new application for* money.

He said he had sent the information to the CRB and a decision could be expected in the latter part of August.

The mayor, Cr. J. Stewart, agreed the item should be made an order of the day in three months *time.*



Trail bike deaths could have been prevented; mayor

The Mayor of Altona, Cr. Ian Stewart, said on Tuesday the death of two youths in a trail-bike accident at Altona North on Friday could have been prevented by the Housing Commision if certain action had been taken.

The accident happened in a disused SEC briquette dump on Housing Commission land in Mason Street.

Cr. Stewart said the young people were attracted to the long concrete road on the land.

"The commission should have brought in a bulldozer and dug trenches every hundred yards along the road," he said.

"You can't blame the kids. It's a complete magnet."

Cr. Stewart said he resented very deeply reported statements by the chairman of the commission, Mr. L. F. Allwinton, that Altona Council was using the tragic accident to further the cause of council.

'Can't win'

He said the commission had refused to take any responsibility because of council opposition to a commission plan to build 1282 cluster housing units, of two to four storeys, on the site.

"The Housing Commission must surely realise they're never going to win the fight," Cr. Stewart said.

Mr. Allwinton was reported as saying: "It seems incredible that the mayor could be unaware of the obvious truth that, if the commission's plans for the area had been brought to fruition, this tragedy would not have occurred.

"The land could already have been used to provide attractive housing together with associated community facilities such as shopping and schools, for the thousands of people."

Cr. Stewart said: "How attractive could the houses be when they're jammed under the flare from the oil refinery."

He added the commission had said it no longer intended to use an adjacent site for a school.

"I don't think Mr. Allwinton has ever been there," Cr. Stewart said.

'Ignoring'

"The Housing Commission is ignoring the best advice available to council."

Cr. Stewart said the *Environment Protection* Authority was opposed to the commission plan.

He said both the commission and council had spent thousands of dollars on fencing the dump but the big attraction for young people was the concrete road.

He said council wanted to turn the area into *reserve open space* which was desperately needed in the area.

"It will be a tragedy of a completely different magnitude if the commission ever builds there," Cr. Stewart said.

The two boys killed in the accident were John McDonald and Kenneth George, both 17.

Another youth, Andrew Milligan, 17, of Mitchell Street, North Altona, is in a satisfactory condition in Western General Hospital. He suffered severe multiple compound fractures of his right leg.

The accident happened when two trail bikes collided. Milligan was a pillion passenger on one of the bikes.

● Pictured: An accident appreciation squad member examines the controls of one of the trail bikes.

Prizes for Mediwalk win

Altona High School student Colin Moore was presented with the prizes he won for Mediwalk '74 at a ceremony at the Royal Melbourne Hospital.

The chairman of Mediwalk, Sir Benjamin Rank, presented the prizes in the hospital boardroom.

Colin, 15, won an all expenses paid trip for two to the United Nations in New York. The Commonwealth Bank gave him $500 spending money and the Royal Melbourne Hospital added another $250.

Colin, who lives in Werribee, won the prizes in a State wide competition last year. More than 33,000 school children took part in Mediwalk — a sponsored walkathon which raised $96,000 for *the Royal Melbourne Hospital.*

Colin Moore emerged a clear winner on a points system based on dollars raised and the number of sponsors to each individual.

His father, Mr. Edwin Moore, a gardener at Melbourne University, will accompany Colin on the trip.

● Picture shows Colin left, being presented with his winning airline tickets by Mr. William Rolph, director for Victoria and *Tasmania of Pan American* World Airways Inc.

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MEDIBANK OFFICE FOR DISTRICT

A Medibank office will be established at 75 Nicholson Street, Footscray — a few doors north of Barkly Street.

Announcing this yesterday the Federal Member for Gellibrand, Mr. Willis, said the office would process re-imbursment of the cost of medical treatment received on or after July 1, when Medibank will come into operation.

Everyone living in Australia, whether naturalised or not, would be covered from that date for medical services, Mr. Willis said.

He warned, however, this did not cover hospital charges and membership of a voluntary health benefit fund would still be necessary to meet this.

This was due to the Victorian Government's refusal to co-operate with the Australian Government to allow Medibank to operate on hospital fees.

If the State Government had allowed Medibank to operate fully in Victoria from July 1, public ward treatment would have been free and the cost of intermediate and private ward accommodation greatly reduced.

Under the Medibank project, doctors co-operating would be able to post their accounts for treating patients direct to Medibank and receive 85 per cent. of the official fee.

● *Patient pays nothing*

In this case, the patient paid nothing and the doctor avoided bad debts and lessened the cost of collecting fees.

People who paid their doctor could produce the receipt and receive an immediate cash refund from the Medibank office, or post their claims to Medibank and receive a refund.

The Australian Medical Association was opposed to the system of doctors sending accounts direct to Medibank and encouraged doctors to demand payment from patients, who could then be re-imbursed to the extent of 85 per cent. of the fee.

Mr. Willis said that in view of this it was probable — at least in the early stages — people would have to pay their doctors and be re-imbursed by Medibank.

The Footscray office would initially have a staff of 17, including people who could speak foreign languages. All staff will have previously worked for voluntary health benefit organisations and be experienced in health insurance.

Keith Coventry's parents came from South Australia for his marriage with Anna Blaszczyk at St. Leo's, North Altona.

Anna is the youngest daughter of Mrs. Z. Blaszczyk, of Ararat Street, East Altona and the late Mr. Blaszczyk. Keith is the third son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Coventry, of South Australia.

Janis Bewley and Ann Coventry were bridesmaids with Douglas Coventry as best man and Garry Kelly as groomsman.

A reception was held at Highway Inn.

Photograph: R & R Mudford, 311 3193.

$1644 in pensioner refunds

One hundred and twenty - nine Altona pensioners will get up to 25 per cent of their sanitary charge refunded.

Cr. Les Crofts told last week's council meeting the refunds would amount to $1644.

He said 99 pensioners qualified for a 25 per cent. refund, and 30 for refunds up to 25 per cent.

Pensioners will receive the refunds after May 27.

The refunds were made possible through the new Pensioners' Rates Remission Act.

Two bricks through office window

A young man picked up two half bricks and hurled them through the front windows of the Newport post office . . .

He was very sorry about it all later on, but at the time, he told a policeman, he was mad because he'd had a telegram from a firm about payments on his car.

And he'd paid, he said. And, to make matters worse, the same thing had happened three times before.

Well, there may be a reason but there's no excuse . . . **Thomas Walter Welch,** 21 of Oxford Street, Newport, was fined $100 (in default 10 days' imprisonment) in Williamstown Court last week and ordered to pay $114 compensation.

Senior Constable Lawrence Walsh told the court that he spoke to Welch at 8.35 p.m. on March 12 at the corner of Melbourne Road and Mason Street, Newport.

The story came out when he asked Welch. "What can you tell me about the windows at the post office?"

Welsh did not appear in court.

Youth centre will open June 29

June 29 is the date set for the opening of the Salvation Army's community centre in Queen Street.

The $74,000 community centre will include a worship hall, youth drop-in centre and facilities for all age groups. A Salvation Army officer will live on the site.

The centre replaces the Salvation Army citadel, which was demolished.

Cr. R. Richards said at last week's council meeting the army was to be commended for what they're doing and promised council support.

"They're doing a first class job," he said.

Cr. Richards said the centre was particularly needed to cater for young people who were wandering the streets and did not belong to any clubs.

Cr. Richards holds the portfolio for youth and recreation.

WEL meets

Williamstown branch of Women's Electoral Lobby (WEL) will meet next Wednesday (May 28) at 8 p.m. to discuss — among other things — child care.

The meeting is at 15 Lenore Crescent, Williamstown. Further details are available on 397 7583 or 397 1069.

A speaker from the Community Child Care, in Fitzroy, Miss Winsome McCaughey, spoke to members of WEL last week.

Williamstown branch of WEL was formed last December. Members are concerned mainly with child care, women in employment and women in local government.

Actors are called for

The Altona City Theatre group will hold an auudition night in the Altona Presbyterian Hall on May 29, beginning at 8 p.m., for their next production called 'You can't take it with you'.

The group, formerly known as the Altona City Youth Theatre, dropped the "Youth" from its title as many people were under the impression that it was a teenage organisation.

Although there are young members in the group, people of all ages are welcome to join.

The play, an American comedy about an eccentric family, requires a cast of 20.

Lorna Kirkwood-Jones will direct the play and it is expected to begin its season in late July.

Anyone interested in auditioning for a role in the play is welcome to come along, more information can be gained by calling Brenda Downes, on 398 3033.

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Altona gets safety award

● Altona Petrochemical workers with their award or honor are from left to right: Peter Brophy, Noel Traynor, Dick Busacker, Stan Caldwell, Jay Dalgetty (general manager), Frank Turley (National Safety Council), Arthur Morgan (safety co-ordinator), Bill Ellis and Sam Small.

Mr. Frank Turley from the Victorian division of the National Safety Council presented an award of honor to Altona Petrochemical Company for achieving a million man hours worked without a disabling injury.

Representatives from APC's regional office in Hong Kong, Mr. G. Robb and Mr. D. Busacker, also attended the ceremony.

Mr. Busacker congratulated APC on achieving the record.

Mr. Turley spoke about the importance of safety at work and in the community.

APC's general manager, Mr. J. Dalgetty accepted the award from Mr. Turley and thanked all staff for their contribution to this "team effort."

Altona on the move

At last week's council meeting, the Altona City Engineer, Mr. R. Simmons, reported the following works were being carried out in the municipality.

Pavements: The southern pavement in Kororoit Creek Road, near B. F. Goodrich Chemicals, was surfaced with bituminous concrete.

Final surfacing was carried out on the section of the pavement between Grieve Parade and Maidstone Street.

Pavements in Brook Drive, Ford Road, Belmar Avenue between Grieve Parade and Medford Street, Queen Street between Bent Street and Millers Road, and Davies Street between Civic Parade and Railway Street were resurfaced with bituminous concrete.

Parking: A fence was erected to separate the parking area being constructed in Railway Street north-east of Pier Street, and the adjacent railway lines. Crushed rock was spread on the parking area.

Steedman's subdivision: Council staff started construction of sections of Crofts Court, Grant Avenue and Stewart Avenue, all within the first stage of development of land west of Bell Avenue.

Sewerage: Work started on sewers to connect the proposed change rooms and toilet block on Apex Park, and the toilet block at the north-east corner of Esplanade and Pier Street to the Board of Works sewerage system.

Foreshore: Work continued on the construction of timber tree guards along the western section of the Esplanade.

Cherry Lake: Landscaping work at the southern fringe of the lake was continued.

Trees: The council will replace dead street trees and has started pruning others, where necessary.

Val's Column

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Max Factor give you a roll-on lip potion kissing gloss — with flavors for him. Would believe — wild strawberry, forbidden fruit, ooh-la orange and peppermint passion. Again, from Max Factor two big secrets are out. Kohl colors for eyes. This shapes eyes softly, shadows eyes dramatically. These are loose smokey toned powder filled with tiny shimmery particles. Terra colors for your cheeks giving you a warm, earthy, burnished blush. It is a soft dry powder filled with highly colored pigmented particles. These two are in unusual containers that come together to make a mod. oranament. You must see them.

That's all for now.

"Bye."

HERBERT'S AMCAL PHARMACY

Court rejects 'improbables'

A young butcher failed to convince Williamstown Court last Thursday that his friend put three stolen car wheels and tyres in the boot of his car and that he bought lawfully 14 aluminium-framed windows found in his house.

Ilo Ilievski, 24, of Farm Road, Newport was fined $70 (in default 10 days' gaol), with $30 costs, for receiving the wheels and tyres and $100 (in default 10 days' gaol) for unlawful possession of the windows.

He pleaded not guilty.

Police went to Ilievski's home at 10 p.m. on Thursday, May 8, to inquire about wheels taken from a car found stripped earlier that day at the old Williamstown racecourse.

Constable Robert Franze, of Altona, gave evidence that he told Ilievski he'd been seen taking the wheels from the car, stolen from outside Smorgon's in Footscray.

At Ilievski's invitation police began a search of the house. In a store-room at the back that Ilievski opened with a key they found eight alumimium-framed windows.

In a bedroom police found six windows.

And in the boot of his car they found the wheels and tyres.

Constable Barry West, of Altona, put to Ilievski that sand in the boot of his car was similar to sand at the place where he found the stolen car.

Police said Ilievski told them he bought the windows at an unoccupied shop in Railway Crescent, Williamstown, that he pointed out to them.

Const. West said a tattooist formerly occupied the shop. He had been told the shop closed a month ago.

Ilievski said a man named Peter who boarded with him came to his house and asked him to drive him to Altona.

Peter said he pinched the car they went to. He denied that he had anything to do with the theft of the car and said Peter put the wheels and tyres in the boot. They would not fit Ilievski's car.

He said he bought the windows from the shops for $140 four months ago. He received a receipt but lost it.

A representative of the manufacturer of the windows gave evidence that the windows were worth $280.

Mr. G. Hoare, SM, convicting Ilievski, said that in these cases the onus was on the defendant to satisfy him that he acquired the goods lawfully.

There were too many improbables in his story.

Ilievski, a Yugoslav, came to Australia five years ago. He is married, with one child. He said he'd not been in trouble before.

Mr. J. Zahara defended Ilievski. Sergeant Linsley Smith prosecuted.

On camera

Members of the Williamstown and Werribee camera clubs will be guests at the next meeting of the Altona Camera Club on Friday, May 23.

Guest speaker at the last meeting was Mr. Frank Mellett who gave a talk on composition.

Meetings are held at The Homestead, Queen Street, Altona. Details, Mrs. B. Bibby (398 1724).

FINANCES ARE HAPPY, SAYS CR. CROFTS

Contrary to newspaper reports, Altona's financial position is a "very happy one", Cr. Les Crofts told last week's council meeting.

"Altona has a very good future if council continues its sound financial policies," Cr. Crofts said.

Cr. Crofts was referring to a report in the Altona Star on April 30, which predicted a big rates rise this year.

The report stated that Cr. Crofts had told councillors that the council would have difficulty balancing its books if the annual price escalation figure reached 30 per cent. next year.

Migrant and law

The magistrate faced a problem that is common in courts in the west of Melbourne — how fully did the defendant before him, a migrant, understand what was put to him by police?

The migrant, **Thomir Ilic**, 46, carpenter, of Railway Crescent, Williamstown, was charged with making a false declaration in that he failed to mention to a police licence-tester that he had been convicted last year of driving without a licence.

Sitting in Williamstown Court last Thursday, Mr. G. Hoare, SM, questioned Ilic in English, he put questions through an interpreter, he heard counsel examine and police cross-examine Ilic.

Mr. Hoare concluded: "This is a criminal matter and I have to be satisfied that he made a false statement wilfully.

"I have a very slight doubt for the reason that he is a man in business and must be able to get his message across. I'll give him the benefit, though. Case dismissed."

Ilic made the declaration to Terence Cavanagh at Maidstone on November 28 last year.

Cavanagh told the court he read out, word for word, the two important questions asking an applicant if he has convictions (the word used) in Australia or anywhere else.

Cavanagh said he always repeated the questions more simply to applicants who appeared not certain of their English— "Have you ever been in trouble with police?"

To Constable Kevin Dowdell, who interviewed Ilic about his declaration on January 9, he also said he'd had no trouble.

Asked if he was fined for driving without a licence Ilic said: "Yes, I go to the Williamstown Court and I pay $100 to police."

Mr. Hoare, to Ilic in the wiitness box: "Do you know what a conviction is?"

Ilic replied "No" and the interpreter said: "I don't think he understands the questtion, sir."

The question was then put in the Yugoslav language. Ilic answered, through the interpreter: "Whether I am guilty or not."

Mr. Donald Grace defended Ilic. Sergeant Hans Wurster prosecuted.

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Family at law — over a licence

A youth who drove a car without a licence — with a blood-alcohol content of .110 — *and the owner who* let him, his uncle, both faced the Williamstown Court last Thursday.

Warren John May, 19, of Geelong Road, West Footscray, pleaded guilty to two charges, was fined $150 and was disqualified from obtaining a licence for six months.

His uncle Alan Silas May, 46, of Richards Court, *Altona North*, pleaded guilty, too, and was fined $100, the minimum, for the offence.

Constable Geoff Serong told the court that he spoke to Warren at 11.30 p.m. on April 7 when he stopped a car in Millers Road, because its headlights weren't on.

Warren said he didn't have a licence and had had " a few beers." Warren had never been licensed, the constable said.

His father rose in court and explained efforts had been made to try to get Warren to pass a licence test.

Uncle Alan said he knew Warren had taken the car. They'd had dinner at his home and a few drinks. Warren went out only to get some cigarettes.

"I didn't realise at the time the trouble we could get into," he said.

Sergeant Linsley Smith prosecuted.

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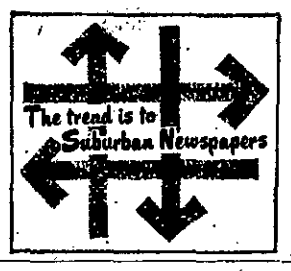

Cookery expert back

By popular demand, cookery expert Andrea Ross will return to Altona to give a second cooking demonstration.

The Gas and Fuel Corporation has organised the demonstration for Thursday, May 29 from 10 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.

Andrea, who is a Gas and Fuel Corporation Home Service Adviser, is well known to housewives through her programme on 3AW with *Martha Gardener*. Andrea's fans will be able to meet and talk with her after the demonstration.

Colin Richardson from the Australian Wine Information Bureau will also give a talk on wines.

Free tickets are available from Miss Nankervis, 63 0391 extension 4315. Seating is limited so early *bookings are suggested.* Children are not invited.

NICE TO KNOW YOU!

The Mayor of Brunswick, Cr. G. Kermonde, attended the Altona Council meeting last week, and the Mayor, Cr. J. Stewart, welcomed the visit.

"I hope this interchange of visits *continues," he said.*

Cr. Stewart recalled a time when he attended a function and had to be introduced to three Williamstown councillors.

"I didn't know the councillors from a neighboring municipality," he said.

Cr. Stewart said the setting up of the Western Region Commission had changed all that.

"*The very fact that* councillors from different municipalities have been forced to work together has done a world of good.

"*There's a lot to be learned.*"

Other special visitors at the meeting included the mayoress of Brunswick, Cr. M. Kermonde; the Town Clerk of Brunswick, Mr. K. Wilson, and Mrs. Wilson, and Mrs. Betty Butcher, of the Victorian Women's Cricket Association.

Community plans for sport complex

The public will be encouraged to make full use of the facilities available at the proposed sports and recreation complex at Footscray Institute of Technology.

Ms. Elaine Murphy, senior lecturer in charge of the recreation leadership course at the institute outlined details of planned community use of the complex during a talk arranged by the sport and recreation committee of the Western Region Commission.

Ms. Murphy said that the complex was being planned to allow maximum community use of the buildings and equipment.

She said that the secret of managing a large-scale recreation complex was in *effective* timetabling and provision of expert professional staff.

Ms. Murphy said that *the institute would probably* develop a This Week's Special approach to recreation opportunities *when the centre was finished.*

Further details are available from Mr. John Thompson, executive secretary of the WRC on 37 5038.

MAN FOR ALL SEASONS A HIT

Williamstown Little Theatre members are delighted with the success of their *presentation* of Robert Bolt's play **A Man For All Seasons.**

The play tells the story of Sir Thomas More's opposition to King Henry VIII's divorce from Catherine of Aragon and the consequent severing with the Church of Rome.

Director Grahame Murphy chose his cast with skill. With his excellent voice, Les Terrill played the part of Sir Thomas More.

James Shaw, as More's manservant, established an immediate rapport with the audience.

Martin Shaw played a convincing Sir Richard Rich and James Fitch hurriedly learnt the role of *Norfolk to replace* David Bradshaw who was chosen to join Edward Woodward's company.

Allison McWilliam filled the limited requirements of Lady Alice and Sallyann Wilson made a beautiful daughter for Sir Thomas.

Other actors in the play were: Gary Metcalf, Bill Martin, Barry Coves, Kerry Cordell, Kenneth Mako and Patricia Klaniscek.

Newcomer Kenneth Mako put in a remarkable performance as the younger Henry VIII.

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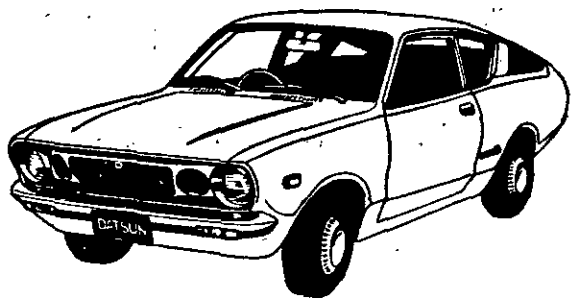

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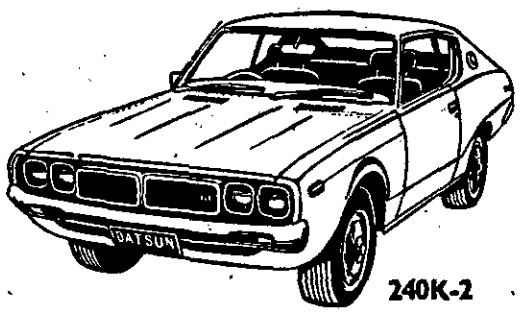

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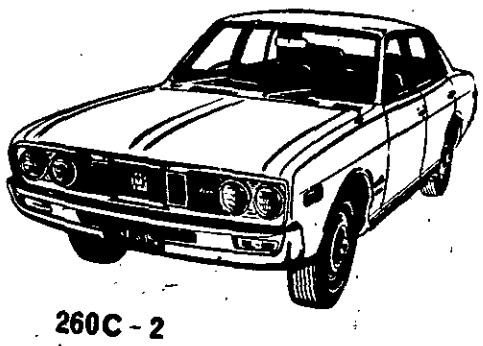

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Chaos in court, says law man

Inadequate buildings and a shortage of magistrates are causing chaos and lelay in western suburban courts, the president of the Western Suburbs Law Association, Mr. Gary Testro, said this week.

The association believes there is an urgent need to extend the sitting days of Magistrates' Courts in the west, or appoint extra magistrates to help out.

Mr. Testro said that the standard of facilities at Sunshine was "offensive to the administration of justice."

The association is a regional group representing solicitors practising in Sunshine, Footscray, Altona, Werribee and Williamstown.

Mr. Testro said that representations made by the association and the Law Institute of Victoria had met with little response from the Government.

He said the only satisfactory court in the area was the new one at Williamstown, built to replace the court house that burnt down five years ago.

Only 'town

"Until that new court was opened, the Magistrates' Court was conducted in the old Mechanics' Institute which had been condemned," said Mr. Testro.

Mr. Testro pointed out that on one day in March 190 cases were listed at Footscray Court.

And at Sunshine Court on April 18, more than 200 cases involving 130 defendants were listed. Although three divisions of the court were used, four arrest and 50 summonses cases had to be adjourned.

Mr. Testro said neither Footscray nor Sunshine courts were equipped to cater adequately for the sitting of a second division, let alone a third.

He said that when a third division was needed at Sunshine, the Clerk of Courts' office was used. Presiding justices, lawyers, witnesses, defendants and police all shared the same desk.

Confidence hit

"At Werribee, the magistrate presides over the main court sitting at a trestle table on the stage of the old Church of England hall," Mr. Testro said.

He said he felt the overcrowding was undermining public confidence in the legal system.

"Standing room only is what you expect at a football match, not a court," he said.

Mr. Testro added that as long as the Government introduced new laws, it must provide facilities for their administration.

"The Attorney-General, Mr. V. Wilcox, has said that the shortage of Magistrates is not serious and is less serious than the shortage of premises," Mr. Testro said.

STORY OF THE BIBLE

A series of 11 studies on the theme, Introducing the Bible, will be conducted between 9.45 and 10.45 a.m., each Sunday, from May 25, at Newport Baptist Church, Mason Street.

All young people over 12, are invited. Morning tea will be provided.

The series is designed to try to answer such questions, as:

- Where did the Bible come from?
- Who wrote it?
- Why was it written?
- What does it say?
- Is it relevant to me today?
- How authentic is it?
- How do I read the Bible and find the truths in it?
- Can I trust it?

Speakers will include, the youth director of the Bible Society, Mr. Ian Whitehall, and the society's director, Mr. M. Brewer, Scripture Union general secretary, Mr. John Lane, and member, Miss Bev Lambie.

People wishing to attend or nominate a person, representing a group to attend, should contact Mr. K. Matthew, on 37 8094, or the Rev. John Hicks, on 391 1213.

Frank old soldier wins day

He looked like an old soldier and it turned out that he was an old soldier.

Although he was pretty young when he started his soldiering. He was in the Middle East when he was only 16, he told Mr. G. Hoare, SM, in the Williamstown Court last Thursday.

Peter Warr, 52, of Gilligan Road, Altona North, brought up his soldiering when Mr. Hoare observed that he had the appearance of a man who likes a drink.

True, the thick-set Peter Warr, applying for the restoration of his drivers licence, had a ruddy complexion — and he admitted that he had liked a drink, until February of last year.

And he mentioned that he'd done his share in the war . . . "That might have some bearing on my complexion, your worship," he said.

"I was treated at Heidelberg early last year for an ulcer. I had three drinks at the races recently, just to make sure I could control it."

Mr. Hoare: But are you likely to start drinking again?

Warr: Certainly not when I'm driving. It's just too risky and I have to think of my job.

Warr added: I have carried on my activities in the RSL club where I'm an officer and I have refrained from drinking there.

Mr. Hoare: I am most impressed by your frankness, Mr. Warr.

Sergeant Hans Wurster, assisting the bench: Mr. Warr has a favorable report from the police.

The old soldier won the day. He was told to see the clerk of courts about his licence.

THIS DRIVER BEAT CRUNCH

An erring driver who voluntarily surrendered his licence after being charged with a .05 offence won marks from the magistrate he faced last Thursday.

And, according to police in the Williamstown Court, the driver gets a refund of part of his licence fee.

Lars Soderberg, 25, of Jurga Court, Altona, pleaded guilty to the offence. He said he and his wife were to leave Australia next month and might not return.

Constable Barry Olsen, of Altona, told the court that he attended the scene of an accident about 7 p.m. on Saturday, March 15.

He saw a badly-damaged car against a power pole on the median strip at Millers Road. The driver, Soderberg, had a cut face and cut legs.

Soderberg said he'd been drinking at his in-laws' place.

His breathalyzer reading was .210. He was disqualified for obtaining a licence for 12 months and fined $80.

Man-sized net needed

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Female members of Altona Drama Group want one to catch men in their producton of **No Time For Figleaves** at Altona Civic Hall from June 3 to June 5.

Anyone with a man-sized net is asked to contact Barbara Freebody (398 1594).

Tickets for the three-act comedy are available from Mannings Music Centre, Queen Street, Altona, or Beverley Williams (391 3334).

Admittance is $1.30 (adults) and 65 cents (children).

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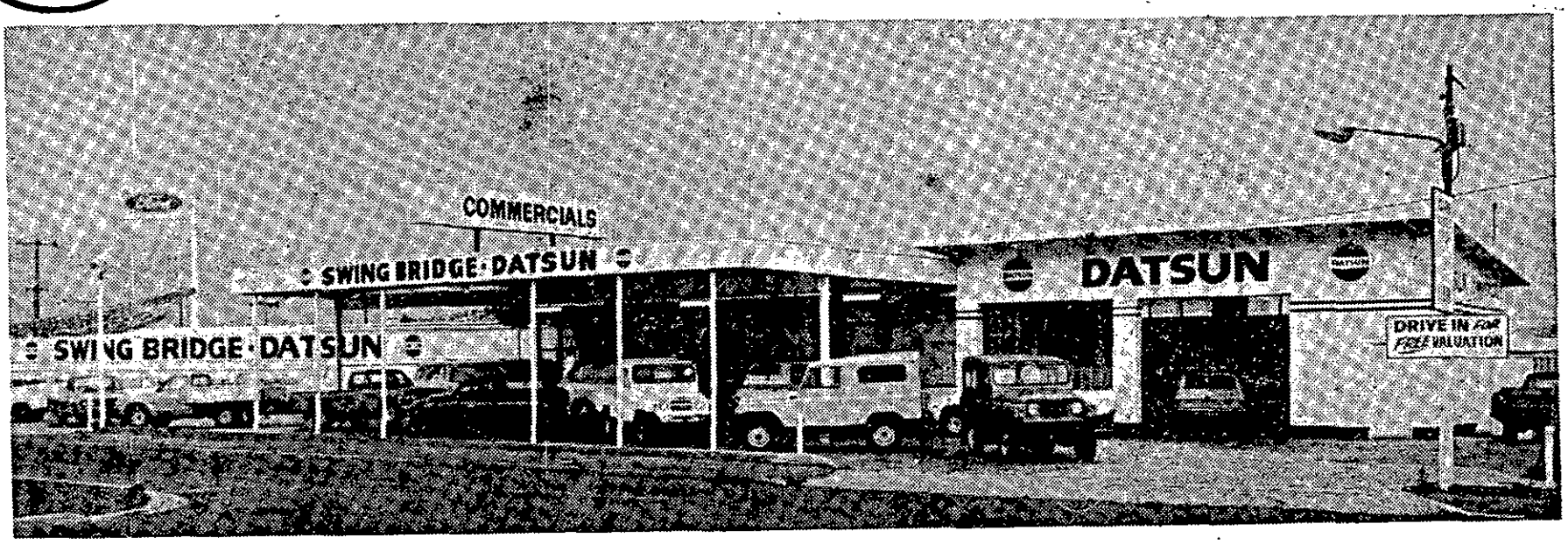

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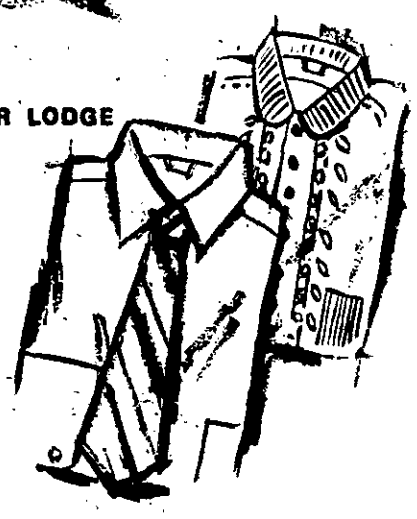

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West on march

Marching girls' teams from the western suburbs took out 26 awards at a competition at Heidelberg.

Braybrook Buchanans came out of retirement to win eight awards The senior team won best leader, best team, own choice display and aggregate. The juniors won first awards for best leader, best team and aggregate and a third for own choice display.

Altona Ambers won first awards for best team and aggregate and second awards for best leader and own choice display.

Altona Ambassadors won second placings for best leader and best team.

Footscray Comets came first for best team and aggregate, second for best leader and equal third for own choice display. **Footscray Cadets** won a gold medal for best team in the junior C Grade section.

Tottenham Tonettes were first for own choice display and second for best team. They came third for best leader.

Two **Werribee** teams to take out awards were **Wyndhams and Devonettes** who each won third prize for best team. The Wyndhams also won second place for own choice display.

Sunshine Gems came first for own choice display and the **Sunshine Guards** came third for best leader.

The 1974/75 marching season has finished and marchers will have a six week break for the winter recess.

The new season starts early in July.

GOODBYE TO ALL THAT

Altona Council decided last week to support a bid by Werribee to have the Western Suburbs Municipal Association disbanded.

The Town Clerk, Mr. Sid Fell, told councillors the role of the association had been overshadowed by the Western Region Commission.

Cr. W. Sommers said Altona had always supported the association.

"Two or three representatives of council always attended meetings, unlike some other councils."

Cr. R. Richards said it was a little sad to see the association wind up.

But, he said, councillors were too busy attending meetings of Western Region committees and other bodies.

Library in Greek

The Australian Government has granted $2000 to Footscray High School, at Spotswood, for establishment of a modern, Greek library.

The grant, under the Australian School Commission's innovations programme, was announced this week by the Member for Gellibrand, Mr. Willis.

Williamstown and Law — No. 3

Civil War sails in

The first permanent court house building in Williamstown was a bluestone building in Thompson Street. It was completed in April, 1858 at a cost of 1275 pounds.

It stood on the block of land next to the present court house site.

William Crawford had succeeded Captain Pasco as police and water police magistrate.

There was misunderstanding at the first use of the new building. The Public Works Department had handed to the chairman of the municipality a set of keys to a section of the building.

Police magistrate Crawford sought the guidance of the Attorney-General on whether the building was to be fully or only partly controlled by the central authorities.

Attorney-General Archer replied: "The building is to be used for the purpose of a court of petty sessions and no part is to be made over to the municipality."

But the council stuck to its squatter's rights and stayed put in the "municipal court" section of the building.

In 1865, Williamstown played a part of a celebrated case of international law — that of the American Confederate ocean raider, the Shenandoah.

The Shenandoah sailed into Hobson's Bay on January 25 and was slipped at Williamstown for repairs.

On board it were spoils of war — nine chronometers from sunken Union merchant ships.

Captain Waddell immediately began openly to recruit local seamen to his crew.

Since the Imperial and Victorian Colonial Governments had given express, written guarantees of neutrality in the American Civil War, the Victorian authorities were put in an embarrassing position.

Quite apart from the illegal recruiting, the repair work gave help to a belligerent power.

While the authorities pondered, local union sympathisers, placed barrels of gunpowder under the Shenandoah's keel and tried to blow up the ship. They failed.

They may have been moved by the thunder of an **Age** editorial: "We would back a single (heavy) gun and a dozen Williamstown volunteers to put the Shenandoah, chronometers and all, under water in less than 20 minutes."

On February 18, the Shenandoah put to sea carrying 42 seamen from Melbourne.

Lacking official orders, the Williamstown water police and naval forces were powerless to act.

In an action before an international tribunal in Geneva in 1872, the United States Government, was awarded £807,375 sterling damages from the British Crown, in compensation for ships sunk by the Shenandoah after she left Victoria.

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Watch out for Green Saturday

Saturday, June 21, has been set aside as Green Saturday in the western suburbs.

Green Saturday, the home gardeners' dream, is being organised by the Western Region Commis*sion. It is being run in con*junction with a conference on urban vegetation called Planning with Plants for the Western Region to be held on Friday, June 20.

Green Saturday will give the home gardener a chance to learn about garden design, what plants to use, how to grow and maintain them, how to prepare compost, transplanting trees and shrubs, dealing with garden pests and the finer points of growing Bonsai, indoor plants and hanging baskets.

Green Saturday will be held in Footscray Park. There will be programmed talks from experts and the home gardener will be able to consult these experts with particular problems.

*There will be displays of plants, seeds and equip*ment and a number of competitions with tree plants as prizes.

Further information about Green Saturday is available from the offices of the Western Region Commission, corner Homer Street and Mt. Alexander Road, Moonee Ponds, phone 37 5038.

Lectures on nursing

The Footscray division of St. John Ambulance (nursing) has arranged a series of home - nursing lectures at the Raleigh Street community centre, beginning on Tuesday, May 27, at 7.30 p.m. The course will last for 12 weeks.

Anyone interested should ring Miss L. MacDonald, nursing superintendent (314 7502) or Mrs. B. Edwards (68 2589).

PWP plans

The Gellibrand branch of Parents Without Partners will hear a talk by a welfare officer from the Blind Institute on Wednesday, May 21 *at 8 p.m., at Bill's.*

Other coming events include social planning at Norm's, May 23; get-together with Ballarat branch for smorgasbord at the Golden Fleece Hotel, Melton, May 25; coffee and 'yak', May 27.

For more information, ring Marj, 318 3387; for venues ring Elsie, 314 0319.

$10,000, a modest request?

It didn't seem like a "modest request" to Altona councillors.

They were reading a *copy of a letter from Foot*scray mayor, Cr. George Griffin, which asked council to give $10,000 to the Footscray-Yarraville City Band appeal.

$10,000?

The town clerk, Mr. Sid *Fell, was quick to point* out the typing mistake.

"It should read $10," he informed relieved councillors.

"Hope springs eternal," Cr. R. Richards said.

"I was quite stunned *when I read they required* $10,000. My God. But if it's $10, perhaps we should help them, after all we *help our own band.*"

The appeal is raising money so the band can accept an invitation to take part in the International Championship for Bands in Canada in August.

Cr. Richards expressed *disappointment* the Altona band wasn't taking part.

"I thought they were in the same class as the Foot*scray band.*"

"Better," the mayor, Cr. J. Stewart interjected.

"But I don't think $10 *would go astray to show* our good faith," Cr. Richards added.

101 sheepdogs in title test

A record 101 entries was received for the 1975 Victorian championship sheepdog trials at Farm Road, Werribee, from Wednesday (May 21) to Saturday (May 24).

Competition begins at 8.30 a.m. in Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Each dog has to collect three sheep at a distance of 400 yd. after a command and bring them back in a direct line with his master without more orders.

After this, each dog must move the sheep through four obstacles. Time allowed is 16 min.

The 101 dogs entered come from 41 competitors aged from the 20s to the early 80s. Mrs. R. Beatson, of Undera (Vic.), is the only woman competitor.

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Senior citizens visit Govt House

Members of the Altona Senior *Citizens' Welfare Club visited Government* House recently.

Later, members had dinner at the Doncaster shopping centre.

Members also visited the 4711 cologne factory. Mrs. J. Bredenbraght and Mrs. M. Wilson won door prizes.

The club attended the Altona Presbyterian birthday party on Wednesday.

Mr. S. Marshall and Mrs. M. Rosling won the special effort on Thursday.

Methodist services

Williamstown Methodists will hold the following services on Sunday, May 25.

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The day of the month we will never forget,
May is here with sad regret.
One year has gone, others will pass,
But memories of you will always last.
—Loving daughter, Beatrice, son-in-law John.

GOLDSMITH, Nellie Louise. — Loving memories of our dear nana, passed away 23/5/74.
Just as you were, you will always be a loving thought in our memories.
—Loving granddaughter Beverley, Neville, and great - granddaughters, Kerrie and Kim.

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We think of you in silence and make no outward show but what it meant to lose you no one will ever know.
—Loving daughter Dot, son-in-law Jack, granddaughter Cheryl and Robyn.

ROBERTS, Eric Stanley. — Treasured memories of my darling husband, passed away 29/5/1974.
How much I miss and loved you,
No-one will ever know.
Because living without you, Darl,
Is the hardest thing I know.
Ever loving wife, Beatrice.

SHEAHAN, Vi and Bill— Passed away 19th May, 1971, and 16th June, 1971.
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WIND FOILS TOP JUNIOR TEAMS

By 'The Follower'

Top teams in the Sunshine District Junior Football Association did not have it all their own way in the windy conditions at the weekend.

Braybrook CYC failed by only two points to notch their first win of the season after leading Sunshine all day.

Williamstown United under-11s are impoving with every game and will be a thorn in opposition sides.

UNDER 13

Altona North Brooklyn, 7.5 (49), with only 14 men, beat Sunshine Heights, 4.8 (32).

ANBY's desire to win the ball at all coats was the decisive factor against a hesitant Heights.

Best, ANBY: All 14.

Coal kickers: Brown, Slevison 3, Smith.

Best: Sunshine Heights—Gezler, 2, Orr, Portelli, Kuypurs, Kaaselis 2.

Sunshine, 5.10 (40), beat Braybrook CYC, 5.8 (38), with a last term burst after an even game.

CYC fell in a hole somewhere in the last quarter.

Best: Sunshine: Gore 1, Morgan, Morett, Andrew, Menadue 2, Stonnam. Howard.

Other to goal: Walker, Brooking.

Best: CYC: Kirkham, Abbott, Harrison 1, Terry 1, Slavin, Ayres, Russel.

Others to goal: Ryan 2, Callaghan.

UNDER 12

Williamstown, 11.7 (73) beat Maidstone, 1.0 (6) with better handball and marking.

Maidstone could not handle the windy conditions.

Best, Williamstown: Bratby 4, Hughes 3 McDonald, 1, Duckworth, Jones, Sevidge Addison 2.

Others to goal: Lovell.

Best, Maidstone, Paschalidis 1, Holzberger, Quinn, Pawlowicz, Pond, Scco, Lamacchia.

Altona North Brooklyn, 10.4 (64), were to strong on the day for Albion, 3.3 (21).

Albion could not overcome the strong AMBY back-line when kicking with the wind.

Best, ANBY: Dervan 5, Mather, Whitzell 3, Hodges 1, Anderson, Beech, Blokkeerus.

Other to goal: Demorofski.

Best, Albion: Grima, Charman, Finch, Contl 2, Hiscock, Butty 1, Johnson. Werribee and Braybrook CYC played a good standard game which was even up to the last term when Werribee kicked 3.4, more than half their final total.

Final score: Werribee, 5.7 (37), d. Braybrook CYC, 3 pts. CYC, 3 pts.,

Best, Werribee, Gago, Keogh 1, Cunningham, Smith 2, Pengally 1, Coff, Dowling, McNamar.

Others to goal: Carlton.

Best, CYC: Tarlano, Vinceti, Charles, Ward.

UNDER 11

Sunshine, 4.13 (37), handled the wind better than Williamstown United, 2.7 (19) in a very good game.

Best, Sunshine, D. Brown, Curtin 2, Disney, Dempsey, Edwards 1, McMaster, Duffin.

Others to goal: Brown.

Best, Williamstown, Vandongen, Fairly 1, Hynds 1, Thomas, Hougee, White, Demetrea.

Altona North Brooklyn, 9.9 (63), proved too strong and fast for Sunshine Heights, 1.3 (9).

ANBY were down 1.2 to nil in the first term but pulled up their socks and started playing as a team.

Best: ANBY: Whitzell, Clough 2, Beech, Gallins, Shields 2, Anderson, Dervan 1.

Others to goal: Atley 3, Graham.

Best Sunshine Heights: Cataleo, Mallia, Hocking, Day, D'Andrea 1, Turner.

UNDER 10

The windy conditions better suited the experienced Altona North Brooklyn, 7.14 (56) who beat a luckless Albion.

Albion played good football but was unable to score.

Best ANBY: Puopolo 5, M. Payne, Graham 2, W. Payne, P. Varnes, D. Varnes, Menzies.

Best Ablion: Camilliri, Giggins, Williams, Scerri, Munro, Petronic.

Braybrook CYC, playing disciplined positional football, beat Deer Park, 9.14 (68) to nil.

Deer Park won full marks for battling the game out to final siren.

Best CYC: team effort.

Goal kickers: Pearson 3, D. Beasley, P. Beasley, Backus, Case, Xantos, Wainwright.

Best Deer Park: Graham, Bevan, Williams, Castles, Hill, Ventrano, Dummett.

Maidstone, 9.7 (71), capitalising on a winning centre line with key forwards on top, were too persistent for a battling Sunshine Heights, 2.2 (4).

Best Maidstone: Jenkins, T. D'Angloe 2, Johnson, Walker 2, Gibbs, Bolger, G. D'Angloe.

Others to goal: Newland 3, Tasiopolous.

Follower's selection, round 7:

Under 13: SUNSHINE v Sunshine Heights; Braybrook CYC v ALTONA NORTH BROOKLYN.

Under 12: WILLIAMSTOWN v Werribee; Braybrook CYC v ALTONA NORTH BROOKLYN; ALBION v Maidstone.

Under 11: SUNSHINE HEIGHTS v Sunshine; ALTONA NORTH BROOKLYN v Williamstown United.

Under 10: Braybrook CYC v ALTONA NORTH BROOKLYN; Albion v MAIDSTONE; SUNSHINE HEIGHTS v Deer Park.

Williamstown locks out Moorabbin

Williamstown, playing tighter baseball, beat Moorabbin, 5-0, at the weekend.

Williamstown had a quiet day with the bat and only collected four safe hits.

But, in the fourth innings, Williamstown smashed the game open with four runs.

Pitcher Ern Bolton held the opposition and finished the game with eleven strikeouts and only two hits.

Safe hits: Harris, Twist, Pedretti, Parnaby.

Best: Bolton, Harris.

SECONDS

Williamstown went down to Moorabbin, 9-6, mainly due to fundamental errors.

Williamstown were leading 4-3 into the sixth innings when Moorabbin scored six runs. Williamstown lacked incentive.

In the bottom half of the sixth, Williamstown replied with two runs but left three runners on after having only one out.

Williamstown had another chance in the last frame with first and second occupied, but again could not capitalise.

Safe hits: R. Massey 2, Baker, Kinnaird, Rowe, G. Massey, McKenzie.

Best: Flower, R. Massey.

THIRDS.

Williamstown, with plenty of players for a change, overwhelmed Footscray with strong batting and by capitalising on their opponents' inexperience.

Williamstown's youngsters blended with the experienced players to give the strongest showing yet.

Final score: Williamstown 13 d. Footscray 4.

Safe hits: Collins 2, Wendt, Murphy, Sturrock, D. Sturrock.

Best: Johns, D. Sturrock.

This week, Williamstown Firsts have a late game against Port Melbourne at Straw Field.

The seconds are at home to Port Melbourne (12.30 p.m.), and the thirds are at home to Newport (3 p.m.).

Where will we hang the flag?

Williamstown High School Table Tennis Club president, Mr. Terry Fogarty, is already seeking out places to hang the club's 1975 pennant flags.

The season isn't over yet, but the club continues to dominate the Western Suburbs Table Tennis Association's winter pennant competition and expects pennants in most grades. grades.

Highlight of round five was the re-match of last season's D1 grade grand finalists — WHS Seagulls and ASR Red. ASR caused an upset by winning narrowly.

Round five results:

C1 WHS Anchors d. East Keilor. Paul Miles, Luciano Azzopardi 3, David Elmslie 2, 1 doubles.

C2 ASR Red d. WHS Seagulls 7-4. Paul Nocola, Guido Azzarpardi 2.

D1 East Footscray 4 d. WHS Gargoyles 3. Tony Lewer 2, John Kassai 1, Ballard 7 d. WHS Cuthbos 4. Geoff Van Wyngaarden 2, Mladen Susnica, Steven Hren 1.

D2 WHS Playboys d. Cargo Newpack 8-3. Andrew Gibson, Terry Fogarty 3, 2 doubles; Williamstown Seagulls d. Centenary Hunters 11-0. Robert Penrose, Theo Del Grosso, Doko Gribic, 3, 2 doubles.

E1 WHS Heroes d. Centenary Mohicans 9-6. Chris Elliott 3, Darren Beecroft, R. Gaggina 2, 2 doubles.

E2 WHS Marijuana d. Ascot Vale Church of Christ 11-0. Ian Pike, Jeff Wilson 3, 2 doubles. Seaholme d. WHS Mafia 7-4. Trevor McQuade, John Cassar, Miroslav Gribic 1 each, 1 doubles.

Leading players in the aggregates:

Grade C1: Paul Miles 15-0, Luciano Azzopardi 14-1, David Elmslie 14-1.

Grade C2: Garry Hoffman 11-1, Guido Azzopardi 11-4, Paul Nicola 9-1.

Grade D1: Peter Gittins 10-2, Geoff van Wingaarden 6-6.

Grade D2: Terry Fogarty 12-0, Andrew Gibson 14-1, Doko Gribic 13-2, Peter Nedeljkovic 10-5.

Grade E1: Chris Elliott 14-1, Darren Beecroft 11-4.

Grade E2: Ian Pike 3-0, Jeff Wilson 5-1, Frank Celeste 8-4.

PROGRESSIVE LADDERS

Grade C1: WHS Anchors 20, Medway 16, East Keilor 12, Kealba 12, Williamstown 8, Banana Bunch 8, Centenary Weasels 4, Altona RSL 0.

Grade C2: Phantoms 20, ASR Red 20, WHS Seagulls 16, Altona West 12. Tasman UEB 8, Celts 0, Centenary Jazzers 0, Magpies 0.

Grade D1: Footscray 16, Seaweed City 16, WHS Cuthbos 12, NPO 12, Ballard 12, East Footscray 8, WHS Gargoyles 0, Westgate Parish 0.

Grade D2: WHS Playboys 20, Williamstown Seagulls 16, ASR (Orange) 16, Cargo Newpack 12. Ascot Vale 4, Centenary Hunters 4, Tottenham Baptists 4, ASR (Black) 4.

Grade E1: BRM 20, WHS Heroes 16, Sparks 12, WHS Texans 8, Centenary Mohicans 4, Tasman UEB 0.

Grade E1: BRM 20, WHS (Red) 20, WHS Marijuana 16, Footscray YMCA (Orange) 12, Cargo Newpack 8, Seaholme 8, Altona 8, Ascot Vale 4, WHS Mafia 0.

Drawn games are a habit

Northants and St. Andrew's Williamstown drew their A grade match in round four of the Western Suburbs Badminton Association competition, the third drawn game this season.

Until this season began, there had not been a drawn game since round six in 1972.

In B2 grade, RAAF just beat Yarraville Methodist by four aces and in D1 grade, East Keilor beat RAAF 6-5. North Essendon Presbyterian also beat RAAF Mirages, 6-5.

RESULTS

A Grade: Northants drew St. Andrew's Williamstown 7-7; St. John's d. WHS Vendettas 14-0; St. Andrew's, Footscray d. WHS Destroyers 8-6; Sunshine d. Diggers 14-1.

B1: East Keilor d. Williamstown Methodist (purple) 10-4; Sunshine d. St. Andrew's, Williamstown 9-5; Williamstown Methodist (gold) d. Newport Presbyterian 9-5.

B2: RAAF d. Yarraville Methodist 8-6; East Keilor (blue) d. WHS Derwent 11-3; Laverton High d. Sunshine 9-5; East Keilor (red) d. Melbourne University 10-4.

B3: Tullamarine (blue) d. Newport Presbyterian 9-5; WHS Voyagers d. East Keilor 11-3; Rebels d. Yarraville Methodist 8-6; Tullamarine (white) d. Scots Presbyterian 9-5.

C1: RAAF d. Sunshine 9-5; North Essendon Presbyterian d. Laverton Memorial 10-4; St. Andrew's Footscray d. Newport Presbyterian 10-4.

C2: Laverton High School d. Strathmore High (green) 9-5; Strathmore High (Ross) d. Diggers 9-5; East Keilor d. RAAF 10-4; WHS Flinders d. Sunshine 10-4.

D1: Laverton High d. Newport Presbyterian 11-0, North Essendon Presbyterian d. RAAF Mirages 6-5, East Keilor d. RAAF Neptune 6-5, St. Andrew's Footscray d. Strathmore High (white) 11-0.

D2: Gisborne (red) d. Strathmore High (Stirling) 11-0; Tullamarine d. St. Andrew's Footscray 7-4; Gisborne (white) d. Laverton Memorial 9-2.

D3: Strathmore High (Lanark) d. North Essendon Presbyterian 7-4; WHS Cerberus d. WHS Anchors 9-2, WHS Arrows d. Strathmore High (Argyll) 10-1.

NEWPORT YCW UP AGAIN

Despite the poor standard game, Newport YCW showed enough determination to overcome the home side, West Ivanhoe, on Saturday.

Newport's rucks and rovers continually sent the visitors forward, allowing the forwards to capitalise on the thrusts.

The backline, led by Dunne, A. Robinson and O'Gorman repelled many West attacks and paved the way to Newport's win.

Best: A. Robinson, J. O'Gorman, P. Dunne, D. O'Connor, D. (Donkey) Nelson, G. Phelan.

Scores:

Newport 14.9 (93)

West Ivanhoe 10.9 (69).

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Nine goal win in lacrosse

Altona Lacrosse Club's A reserve side made up for its loss last week by beating Camberwell/Glen Iris by nine goals on Saturday.

Altona scored six quick goals in the first ten minutes of play then lapsed until the second quarter when the forward line hit top form.

Best for Altona were: G. Mackinnon, K. Read, D. Burke.

Goal throwers: K. Read 7, G. O'Connor, M. Danger 5, B. Anderson 2, C. Mackinnon.

B Reserve scored the club's biggest win so far this season by beating Footscray 28-2.

An outstanding feature of the game was that midfields J. Bunnet and N. McGuckien scored 13 goals between them.

Mario Suban and Colin Nichols from the under-14 team, playing their second game in one day, were some of the hardest triers in the team.

Best: G. Sharpe, J. Bunnet, L. Marchant.

Goals: J. Bunnet 7, N. McGuckien 6, C. Nichols 5, P. Cody, J. Birkett 3, D. Huntly 2, A. Frost, L. Marchant.

The under-14's saw their first loss for the season going down to Malvern 13-5.

M. Plant, C. Nichols and D. and T. Leroy played well while defenceman S. Bayley played a sound game. K. Ross, R. Johnston and L. deKusel, all nine, played their first game and showed the older boys how to apply pressure.

Best: R. Nelson, M. Plant, C. Nichols.

Goals: C. Nichols 3, B. Johnston, M. Plant.

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VIKINGS ASTRAY IN STRONG WIND

By Alan Burkitt

A strong crosswind made plain sailing difficult at Laverton on Saturday, with the result that Altona City Viking crew recorded *far too many* behinds in their big win *against the home side.*

The Viking backline made it equally as hard for the Laverton forwards, who managed only two goals for the match.

Rover Gordon Wilson, even without top ruckman Steve Mandics in the side, had a field day to be best player on the ground.

Full forward Ron Schwabe found the wind upsetting the flight of the ball, despite this and a strong Laverton full back, he managed eight goals to take his six-game tally to 68.

Coach Mal. Tisdale, back after injury, dominated his half forward flank giving good support to key half forward Alan Walgers.

Players were at times puzzled by some strange umpiring decisions, had the game been close much more would have been said.

On one occasion he disallowed an Altona goal to give captain Mal. Tisdale a free kick, which he missed. The first goal should have been given the all clear, or the free kick given down field.

In the final term, many Vikings were played out of position, this was done to give backmen a run on the ball or on the forward line.

Peter Mildenhall and Wayne Gardner won votes in the best backman award for solid play all day.

Next weeks game against Central Altona, could give the undefeated Vikings their first real test, as Centrals are also undefeated.

The game is at Grant Reserve, and should attract a good following.

Scores:

Altona City 19.28 (142) d. Laverton 2.3 (15).

Best: G. Wison, Mal Tisdale, A. Walgers, P. Mildenhall, R. Schwabe, W. Gardner, R. Morgan.

Goals: Schwabe 8, Wilson 4, G. Roe, I. Roberts 2, D. Brennan, Tisdale, J. O'Connor.

Progress voting: Rushford's Mensland Award — R. Schwabe 12, G. Wilson 6, Mal Tisdale, A. Walgers 4, I. Roberts S. Mandics 3.

RESERVES

The Viking Reserves were tested for the first-time this season, by neighborly Central Altona.

The scores were close nearly all day and even 10 minutes into the final quarter, the prospects of a close finish looked likely.

It was then that the fitness of the City boys started to find faults in the visitors' defence and they raced away to an easy win.

Gary Nolan, 17, was a star on his wing while veteran Paul Itter turned Centrals out on many occasions.

The Vikings played devastating football in the closing stages and made goalscoring look easy.

Scores: Altona City 16.15 (111) d. Central Altona 9.11 (65).

Best: G. Nolan, P. Itter, S. Chatfield, E. Puhar, Morrie, Tisdale, S. Grainger, M. O'Connor.

Goals: M. Howard 6; Chatfield 5, S. Grainger 3, I. Hardham, K. Bebend.

UNDER 17

Altona City travelled to Hoppers Crossing and handed out a football lesson to the home side.

Much to coach Bob Jones' delight the boys combined well and used sensible handball.

The game was unfortunately marred by some spiteful incidents mainly caused by interference from the Hoppers Crossing runner who got over exuberent in the execution of his duties.

It is bad for the sport that so much trouble is caused by adult supporters and officials who should know better.

Scores: Altona City 21.30 (156) d. Hoppers Crossing 0.4 (4).

Best: W. Gilpin, S. Shiels, B. Mildenhall, D. Barling, R. Mitchell, R. Magnabosco.

Goals: R. Groen 4, R. Magnebosco 3, R. Walsh, M. Campbell 2, J. Brien, T. Pinney, H. Wilson, D. Barling, S. Shiels, R. Mitchell, R. Dwyer, R. Anderson.

Under-15 and Under-13 had a bye.

UNDER 11 (A)

The fast finishing Vikings failed by 5 points to catch top side Werribee in an entertaining curtain-raiser to the Reserves game.

Scores: Altona City 4.3 (27) lost to Werribee 5.2 (32).

Best: D. Kril, C. Skerry, R. Johnson, C. Paten, D. Cooper.

Goals: C. Paten, P. Stewart 2.

UNDER 11 (B)

The City boys were over-run by a Central Altona side strengthened by the inclusion of players from the 'A' side.

Scores: Altona City 0, lost to Central Altona 8.10 (58).

Best: A. Taylor, G. Hendriks, M. Robinson, R. Martin, D. Tisdale.

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Newport beats Melb. Uni.

Newport returned to the winning list on Saturday with a well-earned victory over Melbourne University.

Showing much improvement with the bat and tight fielding Newport led throughout the game.

Portous, batting first, got away well when Cleary singled to left field, hits to Ockwell and Simpson followed by centre-field for bags loaded and none-out.

Bunting hit to first and Cleary was put out at home plate on a 3-2.

Maher crashed another to centre field to score. Ockwell, Ferris was to make two away with bases still loaded.

Armstrong got a free pass to walk Simpson home; Forrester slammed a two bagger to deep centre field to score Bunting and Maher and Lynch went down swing for side away. Nino batters fronting the plate and four runs on the board!

Uni began well when Bitmead and Deloso both walked but were in trouble when Bitmead was put out at second on a throw over from Armstrong and Deloso was pegged at first by Forrester. Anderson flyed to centre for 3 up and 3 down.

With both teams tightening their defence in the next dig, uni pulled two runs back in the equal third when Deloso slammed a grounder through the hot corner for a home run with Jennison on base.

Porters replied with two runs in the top of five when Simpson hit to right field and a muffed fly saw him safe on base, then steal to second and went home on Maher's hit to centre. Ferris dropped in a sacrifice bunt to send Maher home.

Uni pulled two back in their half of the fifth when Deloso hit to left-field to score Bitmead and Rumble.

Although Newport continued to hit, good defence kept them from scoring and no further scores came on the board.

This was a much improved game from Newport, with more strength in the batting base and a vast improvement in the field, but we are still having too many runners on base.

Scores: Newport 6, Melbourne University 4.

Safe Hits: Newport 11, Melb. 5.

Hits: Forrester (2) Cleary (2), Maher (2), Ockerwell (2), Simpson (1), Ferris (1), Bunting (1).

Best: Forrester, Maher, Armstrong.

A2: Newport — walk over.

West Zone B: Newport —walk over.

West Zone A: Newport 14 d. Essendon 10.

Newport defeated Essendon in a high hitting game which saw 35 safe hits. Newport 19 — Essendon 16.

Hits: Thompson (4), Bell (4), Wass (2), Scott (2), Roache (2), Greenwood (2), Portelli (1), Hill (1; Ivey (1).

North Zone: Newport 4 lost to Alphington 17.

It was a case of when the score did indicate the game — eight errors first innings equal eight runs.

Faint heart by many players left much to be desired.

Hits: Merriman (2), Smith (2), White (1), James (1), Cassell (1).

Best: Merriman, Smith, Maloney.

Next Week: A1 home 12.30 Sunday.

A2 home 3 p.m. Sunday.

North Zone home 12.30 Saturday.

West Zone A Williamstown 3 p.m. Saturday.

West Zone B Home 3 p.m. Saturday.

Golf

Kooringal Golf Club Associates' results:

A Grade: C. De Rose (15) 72.

B Grade: E. Waters (24) 72.

C Grade: I. MacMillan (30) 74.

Centrals just keep winning

By Barry Height

Central Altona's senior team continued their winning run on Saturday, when they beat Werribee, at Langshaws Reserve.

Werribee didn't worry Centrals at any stage of the game, which was marred as a spectator-match by blustery conditions causing many attempted scoring shots to go wild.

Ron Smutny dominated play as a forward and also on the backline, as the current club best and fairest.

It's going to be hard to take the crown from him, with his determination to win the ball.

Playing his first game, Stewie Crawford proved a solid defender.

The smaller brigade — Kevin Gilchrist, Bill Kennedy, Danny Grey and Chris Carroll — were difficult players for the Werribee side to contain.

Final scores:
CENTRAL ALTONA 5-25 (65)
WERRIBEE 4-10 (34)

Central best: R. Smutny, M. Lawrrin, K. Gilchrist, B. Kennedy, D. Grey, S. Crawford.

● Central Altona player Murray Sayers, who played his 200th game with the club on Saturday.

DIVISION 2

Like the senior game, the match between Centrals and Altona City was spoiled by the blustery conditions.

Centrals took the game up to City and it was only in the last 15 minutes City's strength showed, as they kicked six goals.

Best man for Centrals was Nick Panagitis, who turned in a really great game.

The back line was held together by Colin Rich and Dick Hetherton — back for his first game after a serious ankle injury — was a thorn in the side of the city ruckmen.

Final scores:
CENTRAL ALTONA 15.14 (104)
ALTONA CITY 9.9 (63)

Central best: Nick Panagitis, C. Rich, D. Hetherton, J. Hughes, M. Roeash.

UNDER 15

Centrals were completely outclassed by Sunshine Heights, but scores are not to hand.

Centrals best: D. Templar, C. Erouis, J. Shaw.

UNDER 13

Playing against Laverton B, the Central team learnt that the desire to win the ball brings results when they recorded a good win against an opposition that was trying hard.

SCORES: Central Altona 10-5 (65) d. Laverton 1-7 (13).

CENTRAL BEST: N. Lee, M. Colla, A. Jachno, T. Servidio.

UNDER 11 (A)

Central were soundly beaten by a stronger Hoppers Crossing side.

SCORES: Hoppers Crossing 10-12 (72) d. Central 0-1(1).

UNDER 11 (B)

Central scored a runaway win over Altona City, with the final scores at 8-10 (56) to nil.

CENTRAL BEST: E. Rosso, G. Olds, S. Grech, C. Edwards.

Forward kicks ten goals

West Newport Football Club's forward Browne-Kerr starred in the senior first division game on Saturday by kicking 10 goals.

West Newport outclassed Newport Centrals and tore away with an 18-28-136 score to Central's 8-13-61.

All players contributed to West Newport's game, but best were L. Broughton, R. Broughton, Browne-Kerr, Parker, Pitt and Xuereb. Goals: Browne-Kerr 10, Vanstone 4, Truman 2, Durham and Leighton.

Seconds: This time West Newport was on the losing side. Brooklyn 27.21—183 beat them 5.17—47. West Newport battled hard against their unbeaten opponents but forgot the value of continued teamwork. Best were Bottomley, W. Chitty, S. Garlick, Howlett, Lee, Mayes. Goals: Howlett 3, Chitty and Lee 1 each.

Under 17: A very low score didn't dampen the spirits of these players. Werribee 25.16—166 beat them 1.3—9. Best: Jemmett, O'Donnell, Parker, Pedersen, Rouse, D. Truman. Goal: Parker.

The club extends congratulations to Ron Parker on his selection to the Victorian under-17 side.

'Town turns tables

by Backman

Williamstown's under 19 Lacrosse team beat Chadstone, 22-10, in a reversal of form.

Williamstown turned the tables on Chadstone who beat them by six goals four weeks ago.

In a fast and entertaining game, Williamstown lead 12-9 at half time.

After a pep talk by coach Calvert, Williamstown played great lacrosse and there was no stopping them.

The combination of Hartley in the centre, and Jennings and McGuigan on the forward line, brought on a burst of six goals in 10 minutes.

RESULTS:

A: Fearons d. Chadstone, 18-9.

B-1: Cities, walkover from Chadstone.

B-2: Deacons, bye.

Under 19 d. Chadstone, 22-10.

Goals: C. Jennings 3, G. Raeside 4, T. McGuigan 4, J. Hartley 4, R. Truswell 2, J. Dye 2, S. Dawes 1, W. Norman 1, Hit in 1.

Best: C. Jennings, J. Hartley, T. McGuigan.

Under 16 d. by Malvern 3-15.

Goals: M. Jennings 2, T. Lewer 1.

Best: M. Jennings, F. Sapiano, T. Lewer.

G-2 (under 11): Williamstown Green 9 d. Williamstown Red 2.

Best: Green: W. Clark, J. Buttigieg. Red: M. Hernan, J. Hernan. Most improved: D. Cox.

Quick, pass the tranquillisers!

HELP THE MINDS IN TORMENT

By Stuart Brown

It's all in the mind, some say. And that's often true. But seldom more true, we suspect, than of Williamstown's tormented footballers.

We came to that conclusion pretty quickly when some of the camp-followers, reeling, penniless, in that stark retreat from Port Melbourne, called on us as a court of last resort: WHAT'S WRONG?

As a Fellow of the Loyal Williamstown College of Amateur Psychiatrists we donned our headshrinker's cap and examined some of the facts.

Williamstown is now firmly embedded at the bottom of the VFA first-division ladder.

Their 109-pt. loss at Port Melbourne on Sunday is the blackest line of a sorry record of defeats by 30 pts. (Coburg), 83 (Geelong West), 63 (Dandenong). In no way balanced by one 30-pt. win (Oakleigh).

As players, they're not so poor as the record declares. They COULDN'T be. The trouble IS in the mind. The mind can be restored to health.

On Sunday, we recall, dozens of handpasses went astray (worse, went straight into the hands of the enemy); so did hitouts from the ruck; deliberate kicks, often; not-so-deliberate kicks, invariably.

Hardly anything went right. The most elementary mistakes became the norm.

Heart and mind

Consider, then, our reasoning. The message to the hand, to the boot, comes from that queer assembly inside the skull that we call the mind, does it not?

And what of the heart, so-called? Some of the critics say the heart is lacking. But heart is a simile for mind. Only the mind forms the intention to do or not to do.

It's the mind that needs the cure.

The Williamstown lads are in the horrors. Reproaching them makes things worse. Emptying fellows out of the side and putting in others, suffering probably, from the same disease won't help, either.

Switching players from position A to Z to Y to W gnaws at the roots of confidence — although we divert to applaud the Olympian efforts on Sunday of Williamstown runner Tony Manser!

The collective mind of Williamstown must be calmed (pass the tranquillisers, sister, please), the ego massaged, faith in the future of the tribe restored confidence of each players in the other strengthened, hope rekindled.

No decimation!

The brutal (though efficient) Roman generals decimated cohorts that seemed less than enthusiastic. To encourage the others, they had cut the throat of one man in every 10. Than's not the way of modern psychiatry —and we know about electric-shock treatment, too!

There were some around that sweet little sward on Sunday who invoked the Ifs — if Billy Thompson had been playing, if Les Stillman, Peter Kerr . . . and so on.

If only we'd had Cazaly and McNamara and Nash and Bartlett. If only our auntie's physiology had been different she'd have been our uncle.

No, your friendly psychiatrist insists that getting the boys back on the rails in the least traumatic way is the priority task.

With kind, even-handed treatment they may even be able to pluck from their own minds the thorns of doubt, insecurity and lack of confidence.

Painful recall

Much as we hate it, we must hark back to the death watch over the river.

For three whole minutes those who get their pleasure only from seeing their heroes win (in the day of the anti-hero) were able to raise a glow. Some brave, hopeful souls went prowling quickly in search of a shade of odds!

But that first burst with the helpful wind turned out to be virtually the last. True, 'Town had a two-goal lead at half-time, but after that Port whipped through their gears and roared away.

They played football in a classic way. Lightning dashes, beautiful, accurate handball, deadly kicking, splendid marking. Always with a loose man to find in attack, always with two or three to dog an attacker.

And the most dedicated Burra-hater could scarce forbear to cheer the mighty Fred Cook (12 goals), of the spring heels and magnetic hands.

Little Goss roved like a swallow in flight. Mick Erwin must have been tired of the sight of the ball.

While the old familiar fumbles foxed the 'Towners. They dropped simple marks, kicked, unaccountably, out of bounds. It was in the mind.

They had no champions. Triers, sure. No one tried harder than John Perry. But maybe he tried TOO hard. His disposal, early was horrible. It improved.

Col Boyd ran himself into the ground trying to hold up the dazzling Port thrusts. Tony Hannebery, ougunned, fought all day and strove to get some oil into the rusty machine.

Little Kelly tried to do the work of two men. Fanning got plenty of knockouts and quite a few marks (but his confidence is not blooming). Port, reading the game to perfection, sharked about half of them.

Boxall kicked seven of 11 goals — a good effort. Jeff Scott strove mightily.

And the name on all lips. Yes, Les Stillman was there, but hobbling on a damaged ankle. He trained splendidly on Tuesday, was picked for Sunday, but was hurt at training on Thursday. He hopes to play next week. They are FACTS.

The dark, invisible passions of the mind, are facts, too.

PT. MELB. 3.4, 16.9, 22.12, 30.17 (197).

W'TOWN 5.4, 7.8, 11.12, 12.16 (88).

Goals. Boxall 7, Scott 2, Fenton 2, Cross

Best: Kelly, Boyd, Perry, Fanning, Scott.

BEST-PLAYER AWARD (Williamstown Central Motors): Kelly, 3 pts., Scott 2; Perry 1. Progress: Fox 7, Boyd 4, Perry 3, Kelly 3, Jackman 2, Scott 2, Richards, Hannebery, Moore 1 each.

RESERVES: W'town 18.12 (120) lost to Pt. Melb. 22.16 (148). Goals: G. Richards 7, Evans 4, Hynes 3, O'Loughlin 3. Best: Tweedly, Porcevina, Evans, Viney, G. Richards, Powley.

THIRDS: W'town 10.14 (74) lost to Pt. Melb. 13.24 (102). Goals: Gagino 3, Kerss 3, Muldowney 2, Hickey, Kritopolous. Best: Muldowney, Sinnott, Gagino, Shaw, Dawson.

FOURTHS: W'town 12.10 (82) lost to Pt. Melb. 11.18 (84). Goals: Goetz 5, Taylor 3, Webb 2, Davall, Farrell. Best: Goetz, Taylor, Farrell, Dean, Webb, Eldridge.

UNDER 15: W'town 6.5 (35) lost to W'town United 8.6 (54). Goals: Byrgiotis 3, Spicer 2, Yates. Best: Marr, Jordan, Sallwonczyk, Vernon, Byrgiotis, Kelly.

UNDER 13: W'town 3.3 (21) lost to W'town United 4.3 (27). Goals: Messina 2, Bassingthwaite. Best: Messina, Gibson, Loton, Marin, Anderson, Bromfield.

UNDER 12: W'town 11.7 (73) d. Maidstone 1.0 (6). Goals: Bratby 4, Hughes 3, Addison 2, M. McDonald, Lovell. Best: Bratby, Hughes, James, Duckworth, M. McDonald, Lovell.

UNDER-11: W'town A 3.5 (23) lost to West Port 4.6 (30). Goals: Arander, Butterfield. Best: Arceri, Goding, Gould, Arandez, Pyatt, Hutcheson.

W'town B no score lost to Werribee B 9.6 (60). Best: Bezkorowajnij, Skillen, Marshall.

Hockey teams face relegation

Altona Hockey Club had a disastrous day on Saturday with all senior teams losing and facing the threat of relegation.

A2 lost to H.-Ajax 2-1. Altona began well but failed to apply pressure. Goal: R. Ford; best: B. Forrester.

Powerhouse beat Altona B1 3-0. Altona fielded a scratch team and opened with good hockey, but it didn't last. Best: P. Aitken, G. Blunt, I. Daley.

Kew beat Altona C2 5-0. In a very disappointing display, Altona's best were: B. Moffat, S. Bazga, S. Taylor.

D2 lost to Moorabbin 3-0. Altona was let down by its half and back lines. Best: P. Neyland, B. Cronin, M. Krol.

But the under-age sides managed better results winning one game, drawing two and losing the fourth.

Under-10s drew with Waverley 5-5. Goals: L. Johnston, P. Burns, P. Yomelos. D. Rafferty, F. McNamara. Best: F. McNamara, P. Yomelos, D. Rafferty.

Under-12s beat Waverley 8-1. Goals: J. Roadley 3, D. Wilkins 2, R. Harper, P. Lafferty, G. Woodyard. Best: A good team effort.

Under-14s lost to Waverley 2-0 with best being P. Anic, D. Wridgway, S. Longdon, P. Williams.

Under-16 side drew a scoreless game with Waverley. Best for Altona were S. Ranger and A. Austin.

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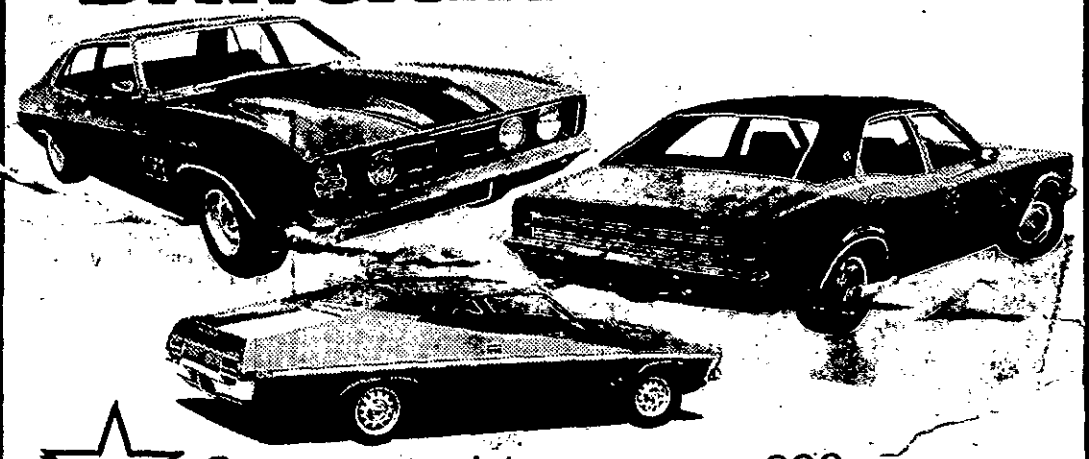

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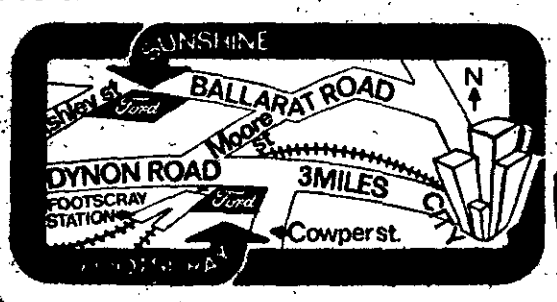

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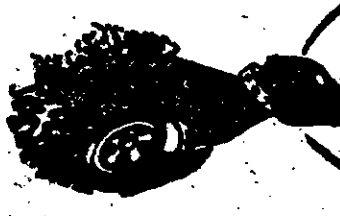

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